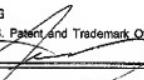


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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated November 14, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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